V. Read Proceedings of Government No. 10569—268-96, dated 26th March 1897, observing that the Board's resolution to reward B. V. Narasimiengar, Hospital Assistant of Jagalur, with a gold medal not exceeding Rs. 50 in money value for services rendered by him during the last outbreak of cholera in that taluk is against the principle enunciated by Government in regard to the grant of rewards to Hospital Assistants for special services and disallowing the same as per Government Proceedings No. 13471—L. F. 146-92, dated 5th March 1895.

Resolved that the orders of Goverument be recorded and that an extract of the proceedings of the Board, dated 5th April 1897, be sent to Hospital Assistant through the Assistant Surgeon, Chitaldrug.

VI. Read Executive Engineer's letter No. 240—81, dated 23rd February 1897, requesting to inform him whether half of the amount placed for the annual repairs of Holalkere-Huliyar road may be utilized for tunnelling as was done in previous years, *vide* Government Proceedings No. 16064-8—L. F. 151-94, dated 2nd April 1895.

Resolved that the Executive Engineer's proposal be approved of.

VII. Read report No. 202, dated 5th April 1897, from the Amildar of Chitaldrug, recommending that a peon be allowed to the Local Fund mestri attached to the taluk. There are two Local Fund mestris in the district.

Resolved that a peon on Rs. 6 per mensem be allowed to each of the two Local Fund mestris.

M. S. NARAYAN RAO, *President.*

FRENCH ROCKS CIRCLE.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the French Rocks Circle at a meeting held on the 27th February 1897.

PRESENT.

K. P. Puttanna Chetty, Esq., Sub-Division Officer, President.

Official Members.

1. Thomas Inman, Esq., Executive Engineer.
2. T. V. Armugam Mudaliar, Esq., Civil Surgeon, Mysore.
3. Mr. Hussan Ali Beg, Amildar of Seringapatam.
4. „ Shamaiengar, Amildar of Nagamangala.
5. „ Venkata Rao, Amildar of Krishnarajpete.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Ramanna of Mandya.
2. „ Garudachar of Nagamangala.
3. „ Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
4. „ Govindappaiengar, Inamdar.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

1. Mr. V. N. Guru Rao, Amildar of Mandya.
2. „ A. Krishne Urs, Amildar of Malvalli.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Mallappa of Malvalli.

This meeting was convened in order to prepare the budget estimates of receipts and expenditure for the year 1897-98.

2. The statement of estimated receipts was read and recorded. The receipts are estimated at Rs. 42,745, and they are based on the actual receipts for the year 1895-96, which were Rs. 42,687-8-5. The estimated receipts for 1897-98 are less than the receipts sanctioned for the year 1896-97 by Rs. 1,110. The probable opening balance at the beginning of the year, *viz.*, Rs. 17,666, makes the total assets for the year 1897-98, Rs. 60,411.

3. Of the above amount, it is proposed to keep in reserve $\frac{1}{4}$th of the year's receipts and to spend the balance of Rs. 48,728, as per details entered in the budget estimates.

4. *Expenditure.*—The statement of works proposed to be undertaken by P. W. D. was read and considered.

5. *Original Works. Communications.*—Under this head, twelve works were proposed, of which two works (1) raising the present tunnel at the 4th mile and constructing new tunnels and raising the road on the 4th mile of the French Rocks Station-Nellikere road and (2) constructing musafirkhana at Melkote have been included in the current year's District Fund budget and Rs. 2,000 have been provided for each of them.

6. With regard to the first of these works, the Executive Engineer informed the Board that though the work was a desirable one, it was not absolutely necessary. The funds at the disposal of the

Board being limited, it was resolved to keep the work in abeyance. The estimate having been received sanctioned only on 4th February 1897, the Executive Engineer will be requested not to undertake the work; and if already undertaken, to stop further work so that no further outlay may be incurred.

7. In connection with the proposal for constructing a musafirkhana at Melkote, read docket No. 64, dated 28th ultimo, from the Executive Engineer, desiring to know what class of musafirkhana should be constructed. A musafirkhana to accommodate travellers at Melkote does not seem necessary as people only resort to it on one or two occasions, *i. e.*, during the jatra season. There are many mantaps, temples or matts at Melkote and people may lodge in them. Under the above circumstances, it was resolved to give up the work, and build a musafirkhana at French Rocks at a cost of Rs. 4,000. At French Rocks, the chattram which was located in a rented building was abolished and the same amalgamated with that of Seringapatam. The Board were unanimously of opinion that a musafirkhana at French Rocks was a want long felt as there is no accommodation of any sort for travellers and others who visit the place. Even the Local Fund Board members, official and non-official, are put to serious inconvenience when they go to French Rocks for attending the meetings of the Board. As French Rocks is the head-quarters of the Sub-Division, the Board are strongly of opinion that the funds intended for the musafirkhana at Melkote may be usefully spent on a musafirkhana at the former place. Rs. 2,000 have accordingly been provided for the work. The provision made in the current year's budget for Melkote will be utilized for the same purpose.

8. Another work which was passed by the Board is improving and constructing tunnels on Seringapatam-Sosale-Sivasamudram road. The Executive Engineer thinks that the work would cost about Rs. 10,000, and he required Rs. 3,000 to be provided for the work. The detailed estimate has not been got up yet and the funds at the disposal of the Board not admitting of a larger provision than Rs. 1,500; this sum has been allowed for the work.

9. As resolved in last meeting, Rs. 750 and Rs. 1,000 have been provided for the roads (1) from Krishnarajpete to Akkihebbal and (2) from Nagamangala to Bindiganavale, respectively. These works will be executed by Revenue Officers.

10. A sum of Rs. 132 has been provided for asphalting the floor of the French Rocks dispensary. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 396. As per standing orders, only one-third of the cost will have to be met from District Funds. The Executive Engineer will be requested to obtain funds to meet the balance of the estimate from Municipal and Provincial Funds.

11. *Repairs.*—Under this head, provision is made for 21 roads to be maintained at a cost of Rs. 24,590. This is in excess of the previous year's grant by Rs. 2,355. The cause of excess is owing to increase in the mileage allotment for three roads as explained below :—

(1) Mysore-Bangalore road, *viâ*, Kankanhalli from Rs. 50 to Rs. 90, (2) Mandya-Nagamangala road, now raised to Rs. 50.

Formerly this road was maintained at two different rates, the portion of the road in the Mandya taluk, 16 miles in length, at Rs. 35 per mile; and the portion in the Nagamangala taluk, a distance of 9 miles, at Rs. 30 a mile.

In the budget under notice the road is exhibited as Mandya-Nagamangala road, and (3) French Rocks Station-Nellikere road from Rs. 100 to Rs. 125.

The reason for demanding the higher rates is the same for all the three roads, *viz.*, increased traffic, and the insufficiency of the present grant. It had been resolved in the last meeting that the mileage allotment of Rs. 50 to the Mysore-Bangalore road, *viâ* Kankanhalli be raised to Rs. 90. This has been given effect to. The question of increase for the other two roads was brought up by the Executive Engineer and considering the necessity of keeping the roads in good order, it was resolved to increase the rates as noted above. For the last named road, the Executive Engineer wanted Rs. 150; but the Board passed only Rs. 125, which was agreed to by the Executive Engineer.

12. The rate sanctioned in the current year's budget for the Mandya-Melkote road is Rs. 40 per mile; but as it was brought to the notice of the Board that that rate was susceptible of reduction, it was reduced to Rs. 25. Thus there is a decrease of Rs. 90 under this item.

13. The amount allowed to P. W. D. for original and repair works comes up to Rs. 28,222. To this must be added the usual establishment charges at 17½ per cent which comes to Rs. 4,939. A sum of Rs. 200 has also been passed under the item "Tools and plant." Thus the total sum passed for the P. W. D. is Rs. 33,361.

14. The Board next considered the works proposed by the Amildars.

15. The Amildar of Seringapatam taluk proposed four wells, two at Rs. 250 each, and two at Rs. 100 each and further required Rs. 30 for fixing pulley to a well at Jakkanahalli. These works being urgent, it was resolved to allot funds for them from Local Funds General already sanctioned by Government.

16. The Amildar of Seringapatam asked for a provision of Rs. 600 and Rs. 1,000, respectively, for two new works, *viz.*, bridging two hallas, one on the road from Chandgal to Taripur and the other on the road from Bannur to Nagunahalli. Mr. Inman informed the Board that he did not see the necessity for the works. He was requested to inspect the localities and favor the Board with his opinion.

17. The Amildar of the Nagamangala taluk wanted Rs. 1,000 for wells. He was asked to submit estimates which will be met from the grant of Local Funds General.

18. The Malvalli Amildar's proposal to rail the bund of the Malvalli Dodkere was accepted and Rs. 300 for the same were provided.

19. Rupees 790 has been provided for opening a channel for diverting the water-course from falling into the tank at Kikkeri. This is an important sanitary work.

20. Rupees 2,000 have been provided for sinking drinking water wells under the heading "Original works to be carried out by Revenue Officers." This amount will be distributed among the five taluks according to their requirements.

21. The usual provision of Rs. 740 has been made for repairs to be carried out by Revenue Officers.

22. In the current year's budget a provision of Rs. 500 has been sanctioned for repairing the Mandya-Basaral road and included among the works that should be carried out by Revenue Officers. This was a special provision. The work was carried out by P. W. D. as the annual repairs are carried out by that department. It is not necessary to make any provision for the same in the budget under notice. The mileage allotment for this road has also been increased. *Vide* para 11, item (2).

23. Provision has to be made for repairing the Gendekatte, which feeds the Kunnirkatte, the chief source of water-supply to the town of Malvalli, as resolved in the last meeting. The Amildar had been directed to submit a detailed estimate for the work. But he has not done so. The cost will be met from the amount granted from Local Funds General.

24. The question of providing funds for the road from Malvalli to join the Purigal road near Saragur, which was proposed by Mr. Mallappa in the last meeting was postponed pending information from the Executive Engineer as to the feasibility, distance and the amount that may be required for the road.

25. Mr. Ramanna, member for the Mandya taluk, proposed that a well may be sunk in the village of Hulaganahalli, as there was scarcity of drinking water in that village. The Amildar will be asked to report as to the necessity for a well in the said village, and, if necessary, he should submit an estimate for the same.

26. *Civil Charges.*—Rupees 9,787 have been provided for all the items under this head. This exceeds the budget grant of the current year by Rs. 1,409. The difference is under three items, *viz.*, Office establishment, Hospitals and dispensaries and Sanitary charges.

27. *I. 2—Office Establishment.*—Rupees 50 have been provided in the current year's District Fund budget under the head. "Furniture." Only Rs. 10 under this item have been provided for the next year. This is intended to meet the cost of repairing the furniture of the head office. There is thus a decrease of Rs. 40 under this item.

28. Rupees 36 have been provided for contingencies required for the President's office. This was found necessary for purchasing country stationery required for the use of the office. Such sums are sanctioned for other circles. Government sanction is solicited for this item.

29. An increase of Rs. 21 under the head "Contribution" towards the establishment entertained in the Dewan's and Comptroller's offices. This is in accordance with instructions in Government Proceedings No. 3425-35—L. F. 12-92, dated 9th September 1896.

30. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—There is a net increase of Rs. 392 under this item. The reason for this is the increase of pay to the compounders as well as provision required for purchasing furniture for the dispensaries. The increase of pay to the compounders employed in the several dispensaries amounts, as per Government Proceedings No. 13250-1—L. F. 19-62, dated 8th June 1896, to Rs. 176. But there is a decrease of Rs. 32 in the charges required for the Krishnarajpete dispensary under the item "House rent." Since January 1896, the dispensary there has been removed to the old taluk cutcherry building from a rented one. As per Deputy Commissioner's docket No. 247, dated 30th January 1897, Rs. 248, being the proportionate cost of furniture required for the dispensaries, have been provided. Hence the increase under the item.

31. *VI. Conservancy and Sanitation.*—Rupees 1,000 have been provided for improving the sanitary condition in rural parts.

32. *Contribution.*—Rupees 1,000 have been provided under this head to meet the cost of repairing the travellers' bangalos and dispensaries in the Local Fund Circle.

33. Rupees 1,000 have been provided for repairing cattle-pounds. This was found necessary as many of the pounds are reported to be in disrepair. Estimates will be called for and sanctioned according to their urgency.

34. The other items being usual call for no explanation.

K. P. PUTTANNA CHETTY, *President.*